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College Republican
President George
Parrish
**Up close
& personal**

The movers and shakers of USC answer your burning questions for our reporters.

The Daily Gamecock: What organizations do you participate in on campus?

George Parrish: College Republicans, Kappa Sigma.

TDG: Where are you from and how is it different from Columbia, if it is?

Parrish: I'm from Alexandria, Va. It's right across the Potomac River from Washington D.C. The main difference that I notice whenever I am up there is that the traffic around town is terrible compared to Columbia.

TDG: Do you enjoy playing or watching sports? If so, which ones?

Parrish: I'm a huge Gamecocks football fan, I follow recruiting and I'll be at the spring practices that are open to the public. I can't wait for our first national championship! I also love my Redskins. In high school, I was the captain of my lacrosse team and I miss playing everyday.

TDG: What is your favorite restaurant in the Columbia area and why?

Parrish: Five Guys Burgers, they actually started out in Alexandria with a little spot in Old Town, and I have been a big fan since I was young.

TDG: If there was one thing you could change about your experience at USC, what would it be?

Parrish: I'd have football season last the whole year. I'd also have valet parking for class.

TDG: What are your plans after graduation?

Parrish: I'm hoping to jump on to the GOP presidential nominee's campaign and help elect the next president

TDG: If you had to lose one of your five senses, which one would you chose?

Parrish: I would give up my hearing, that way I would never have to ask my roommates to turn down the TV when I'm trying to sleep.

TDG: What is your goal with College Republicans?

Parrish: I want to throw

PARRISH ● 3

Carroll still has treasurer position

Elections Commission upholds disqualifying Brown for violations

Jackie Alexander
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Student Government Attorney General and third-year accounting student, Mark Stone, upheld former treasurer candidate Alesha Brown, second-year political science student's, disqualification Wednesday.

In a letter addressed to Brown, Stone said the elections will stand with John Carroll, a third-year public relations student, winning the election.

The Elections Commission disqualified Brown after being found guilty of violating commission and university solicitation policies.

Brown and resident advisers went from door to door Feb. 22 in Patterson Hall telling students to vote in the run-off.

Carroll said he was pleased

with Stone's decision.

"Obviously I'm excited and I can't wait to get started on all the work that is ahead of me," Carroll said. "I cant wait to get started working with Nick (Payne) and Jay (Laura)."

Stone said in his decision that even if Brown wasn't soliciting for the Elections Commission, it was still biased and could sway voters.

"By introducing yourself it is very reasonable to believe that the purpose was to garner more votes for yourself," Stone said in the letter.

Brown said she plans to appeal to the student and alumni services office.

"I am appealing it again and hopefully it will go my way this time," Brown said.

Brown would not comment further.

Carroll said Brown is allowed to appeal again but is confident the right decision will be made.

"If she feels the need to do that, then I think she should," Carroll said.

BROWN ● 1



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Attorney General Mark Stone says Brown's actions were biased and could sway voters.



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USC Parking Services devised a shuttle service that will run on campus until 5 a.m.

Shuttle keeps campus safe

Overnight escort service takes students to campus locations

Christine Scarpelli
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Now that the Thomas Cooper Library is open 24 hours, USC has decided to provide students with a safe alternative when walking back to their dorms alone after late nights of studying.

USC Parking Services has decided to offer an overnight shuttle/escort service to assure students feel safe, and they have already hired someone to drive the shuttle.

Driver Richie McCray begins his shift at 12:30 a.m. and runs until 5 a.m., picking up students at the library and transporting them safely back to their dorms, the Greek Village or other locations on campus.

The shuttle operates

Sunday through Thursday. When students are ready to leave the library, they can notify the security official at the entrance and the escort service will be called to pick them up.

The shuttle can also be contacted by calling the campus police station, any security desk clerk, a call box or the Thomas Cooper Library.

"It's good for people to know who I am and that I can be waved down in the van or walk students safely to where they need to go," McCray said.

"Most students use me going from Bates, the Roost or Capstone, and joke that I've become their personal driver," McCray said.

The service began about six weeks ago following a rape and many robberies happening close to campus. As the weather begins to improve, students may feel more compelled to stay out late and may need a safe method of transportation.

"I had no idea there was an overnight shuttle running on campus, but I would definitely use it if I needed to," said Erin Grevey, a first-year biology student.

The shuttle takes some of the pressure off campus police as well. The van can get to any place on campus in about five to 10 minutes and patrols the more dangerous locations.

"I was aware that there was some kind of shuttle that ran all hours, but I didn't know much about it," said Justin Lewandowski, a second-year marine science student.

"I would use the shuttle to go to the engineering building late at night if I had to, and I would feel much safer, especially in the early morning hours," Lewandowski said.

The shuttle will not run to Five Points and should not be used to travel

SHUTTLE ● 3

Stoudenmire suggests new delegation chairs

College members may represent students in Senate

Brad Maxwell
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Legislation adding Senate delegation chairs selected from each academic college received its first reading at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Brought to the Senate floor by Senate Pro-Temp Chase Stoudenmire, a third-year history student, and Sen. Allen Klump, a fourth-year political science student, the legislation comes from a "campaign promise [Klump] made to reform Senate."

"I think this will redefine the role of senate in the coming years and for the benefit of all students," Klump said.

The legislation stated the delegate chairs will be nominated by the Senate president and approved by a Senate majority vote. Chairs will also serve as liaisons between student government and the deans of their respective colleges, as well as hold a "town hall-style" meeting in the fall semester to discuss issues with their constituents.

"I completely support this legislation," said Student Body President Tommy Preston, a fourth-year political science

student. "I think it will shape the system into one that will benefit all students."

The bill also added a section to the legislative codes that replaced the Academics Committee with an Academic Liaison Committee. This committee will consist of the President Pro-Tempore, who will be the chair, and the newly created delegation chairs.

Sen. Randy Gaines, a second-year sports and entertainment management student, was concerned that requiring the delegation chairs to meet with deans was unnecessary and should be a matter of "personal responsibility."

"I have to disagree with you," Klump said. "We need accountability ... and this creates a system with credibility."

A bill amending the legislative codes to specify election rules was almost brought to the Senate floor at the meeting.

Members of the Rules Committee said they had yet to approve the bill, a necessary step before the Senate can vote on it. Klump said that there was a "very informal meeting."

"A few people were approached individually," Klump said. "There were about four actual votes, but

SG ● 3

Freshman Council created Blackboard Awareness Day Wednesday to create interest in promoting the use of Blackboard. Go online to www.dailygamecock.com to find out more.



Center helps blind overcome obstacles

S.C. Commission for the Blind trains disabled for jobs, life

Brandon Cooper
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

People living with blindness can do just about anything; they just have to do it differently, said Ed Bible, director of draining and employment at the South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

At the commission, people living with blindness are taught just that: “how to do it differently.”

Inside the commission building are Braille writers, seeing eye dogs, and a whole lot of talking objects including computers, microwaves, clocks and scientific calculators. These devices aid the blind in accomplishing a wide variety of tasks from studying for their GED to woodworking.

Bible has been blind since he was eleven, and said most people living with blindness once had sight but lost it, an experience that is often devastating.

“When you lose sight, you don’t think you can do anything,” Bible said.

Since blindness is a disability that entitles individuals to government assistance, people have to choose to work. Many people with blindness do not choose to.

According to Bible, the unemployment rate for blind people is around 70 percent, but this is “mostly because people think blind people can’t work, so they don’t give us a shot.”

Despite that, Bible has had success obtaining employment for blind people in a wide variety of fields.

One of the most successful programs at the commission is a call center that trains people to answer phones for companies. The program has placed over 200 people with employers, Bible said, and these employers have been very satisfied with their performance.

Graduates of the program are “spreading the word that blind people can be competitive,” he said.

Blind people face a variety of problems living in a sighted world.

For Charles Black, a fourth-year tech support and training management student at USC, such issues include getting class materials in an accessible format such as Braille, and simply finding his way around.

He also said, “having to break in professors while helping them deal with blindness,” is something he has to deal with every semester.

Black also believes the voice of differently abled people is underrepresented at USC.

“For example, the e-mail system is very difficult for a blind person to use,” Black said. “If that part of the college population would have been consulted before buying it, [it] would have been better.”

Bible said the biggest problem for people living with blindness in Columbia and in South Carolina is the availability of public transportation.

Buses often run only on limited hours. This deeply affects blind persons who depend on it to get to work, Bible said.

“If I had my wish, I would wish for busses that ran later which would improve my college experience,” Charles Black said.

The South Carolina

Commission for the Blind is currently faced with a problem of another sort: the possibility of being combined with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

The commission is unique in that it is an independent agency for the blind. In most states, blind people seek aid in more generalized departments for people with disabilities, Bible said.

Bible, however, fears this change would “water down” the services of the commission.

“People come in from across the country because training is so good here because we are a specialty,” Bible said.

Blindness is a special sort of disability, Bible said, which requires people to learn how to work “as a blind person.” And the staffers at the Commission are trained specifically to assist the blind.

It is much easier for people to work if they have a clubfoot, Bible said, because they essentially work the same way everyone else does.

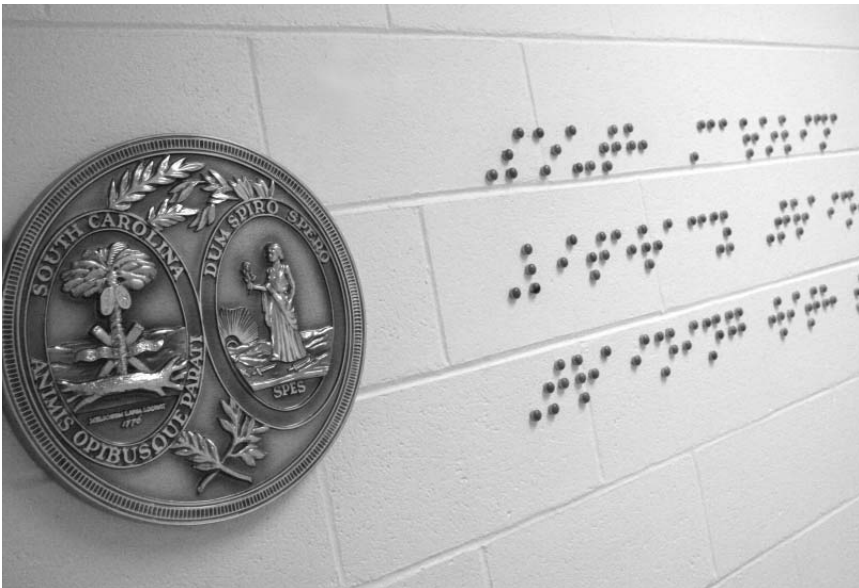
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Top: Jemery Blackwell reads Braille at the center.



Left: The commission offers seeing eye dogs, technology and Braille to help the blind in daily life endeavors.

Health professionals devise plan in case of outbreak



Alexander Capron, expert in medical ethics and health policy, believes we need to be ready in case an epidemic occurs.

World Health Organization director discusses concerns if H5n1 flu strain surfaces

Ashley Buchanan
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A World Health Organization director spoke about the flu epidemic at Wednesday’s Johnson and Johnson Healthcare Lecture held at USC’s School of Law auditorium.

Alexander Capron, the first director of Ethics, Trade, Human Rights and Health Law at the WHO, specializes in medical ethics and health policy.

“We are overdue for a pandemic,” Capron said as he discussed the ethical concerns that the world could face if there is a flu epidemic.

Although there are already vaccine shortages for the strain of the flu that kills 1.5 million annually, it is the H5n1 strain that worries scientists and health professionals. This strain is commonly found in poultry, but the main concern is the possibility of a mutation in which humans could catch the virus for which there is no vaccine.

“We need to anticipate and work through a problem in

advance,” Capron said, so that we can deal with such ethical questions now.

He emphasized a type of justice in these difficult situations that begins with an equal concern for all.

This is an ideal situation, he said.

“Some people will really get nothing” due to rationing, Capron said. He suggested the best way to go about such difficult decisions is through investment refinement, which means that anyone between 13 and 40 years old would receive priority in vaccinations and treatment.

“It is scary to think that such an outbreak could happen, and some people will simply just not receive treatment,” said Kimberly Gilley, a fourth-year art history student.

Capron also stressed the issue that the potential for a flu epidemic is an international problem.

He said the problem with international statements such as the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is that they are just too vague. He fears if something is not done on an international scale, then inaction will feed on itself.

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Stone said Brown should have known the policies. “Being an RA you should have been familiar with the student policies that are set forth by the university,” the letter said. “Additionally, as a treasurer candidate you have been aware of how these policies particularly apply to running for an executive position on Student Government.” In her appeal, Brown said the commission did not make a decision before knowing the run-off results. Stone said the timing of the hearing and the results did not correlate. “The commission reached their ruling prior to printing the results of

the run-off election,” the letter said. Stone said her staff took an unfair advantage by soliciting. “You and your campaign staff took advantage of actions that the opponent did not have as a result these actions created an uneven playing field.” Brown said in her appeal that the commission was biased against her. Stone said in his letter that he regrets any hard feelings the decision may have created. “I hope you realize that these decisions were based solely on the facts, the election codes and student policies of the University of South Carolina,” Stone said. Carroll said his initial loss in the run-off of 68

percent to 32 percent will make him more determined in office. “It’s going to make me work even harder to prove to people that I am the man for the job,” Carroll said. In her appeal, Brown said the commission had a “racial bias” because the police were called to escort the members to the SG offices, Vice President for Student Affairs, Jerry Brewer, said the decision was “unfortunate” and personally apologized with SG President Tommy Preston, a fourth-year political science major, to students for the police presence over the weekend. *Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu*

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anywhere other than on campus. Use of the escort service is restricted to students and on campus personnel. McCray said the main concern is to get the word out that this service exists and can be used in the future. With continued use by students, the shuttle will be available for years to come. “This is much more than just an escort service,” McCray said. “I’ve been getting positive feedback from parents and older students, and I feel this is really something that should be continued.” *Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu*

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everyone had seen the bill.” Stoudenmire, who is also chair of the Rules Committee, declined to comment on the miscommunication. If the committee approves the bill, it will receive its first reading at next week’s meeting. In reference to the bill’s intentions, Preston said that if senators feel there needs to be a change in the election system, then it “needs to be a collaboration between a bunch of different people.” Appointments to a new Judicial Advocacy Group were confirmed. Klump was confirmed as the group’s chief, and was joined by Sen. Sasha Noorani, a third-year international business student, President-Elect Nick Payne, a fourth-year finance student and Sen. Brad Setzler,

a second-year economics student. Student Body Vice President Ryan Holt, a first-year law student, nominated the members, and the committee will serve as representatives to students that go before the Constitutional Council. In reports given by Student Body Treasurer, Jennifer Guest, a fourth-year mathematics student, as well as the Senate Finance Committee, a bill concerning the allocation of funding will be brought up next meeting. “We had 20 more organizations asking for funding this year,” Guest said. “A lot of this is thanks to a two-week extension granted by senate earlier this year.” *Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu*

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a GOPalooza party. More details on that later. TDG: If you could meet any famous deceased person, who would you pick? Parrish: I would love to meet Thomas Jefferson. I’d like to get his perspective on modern America. TDG: What is your nickname among friends or family? Parrish: My girlfriend calls me “The Fraggie.” TDG: Where do you see yourself in twenty years? Parrish: I’d really like to be in the Senate if I ever had the chance to. TDG: What do you do for fun on the weekends? Parrish: Fishing Fridays are always the highlight of my weekend. The girlfriend and I also like to go on weekend trips. Last weekend we went skiing with some good friends.

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IN OUR OPINION

True sisterhood doesn't depend on looks alone

Thanks to DePauw University's chapter of the sorority Delta Zeta, the phrase "cleaning house" has taken on a whole new meaning.

According to a video report on CNN.com, DePauw's DZ girls decided that their chapter, and apparently its members, needed a revamp after hearing from their national office that membership at DePauw was down. The girls in the video, who have since become former DZ members, testified the sorority was trying

Instead of changing its image, DePauw's alleged makeover is only counterproductive.

and dress well at all times.

Congratulations on perpetuating another stereotype about campus Greek communities. Not only does this smell of a discriminatory business deal, but it tarnishes the whole idea that sororities are supposed to be considered a foundation for "sisterhood." If these chicks were really trying to build a bond, they wouldn't have stood for such blatant insults of their fellow members.

Instead of changing its image and improving enrollment, DePauw's alleged model/merit makeover is only counterproductive.

Since this negative influence came straight from the mouths of their national office, who's to say that other universities haven't been given the same advice about their chapters?

We'll take "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" over this mess any day.

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LOVELY RITA METER MAID

Relaxing a must after stressful weeks

Terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad days merit long showers, junk food, TV

The votes are in, and it's official: this week is the worst of my entire semester.

I'm not kidding. Somehow, everything that could've gone wrong in my life messed up yesterday.

My housing plans for next fall are in pieces, I didn't get a job I really wanted, I got sick and the spring break plans I was so excited about are now non-existent. Earlier this week, I got into a fight with an old friend. Later this week, my sister (my security blanket here in Columbia) is moving almost two hours away.

Thank you, karma.

I guess I was in for it. Compared to last semester's hellish string of back-to-back bad months, this semester has been a walk in the park. My roommate's awesome, I love my job here at the paper, and I'm finally getting into classes I actually want to take. With my penchant for



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First-year visual communications student

awesome days lately, I guess I've had a bad week coming to me. But hey, karma, don't ya think you could've spread it out a little?

I have to take it in stride, though. Life happens. Things go right, things go wrong, and some things completely turn your life upside down. If you don't experience the lows, you can't appreciate the highs.

Alright. I'll admit, the last paragraph was cliched and ridiculous, and it was probably the last thing anyone wanted to read, especially if you've had a week like mine.

In fact, if you've had a week like mine, I'm terribly sorry. Grab some Ben & Jerry's and indulge yourself in hours of MTV reality trash. It's my secret love, too.

Seriously, sometimes people just want to mellow out and pout for an evening. I'm not

condoning any sort of week-long pity party because some guy you met didn't call, but when you have a really crappy day, it's okay to take a long shower and eat more chocolates than you probably should. In fact, I demand it.

But with how busy we are on a daily basis, a lot of times we have to shove our bad feelings to the side in order to focus on our work at hand, and then we never deal with our demons. We bottle up everything and end up blowing up over something little to someone who means a lot to us. And trust me, no one likes having to pick up the pieces after a fight like that.

The point is, bad days happen. But even if you're busy, take a few minutes to yourself to chill out. Go and cry for a few minutes if that's all you need, or take the night off and watch an '80s teen movie. Your troubles probably won't seem so bad afterwards, unless you accidentally pushed your dad's car out of a window, too.

Job hunt means faking professionalism

Interviews too focused on polite rules; should emphasize personality

This week my words are saddled with the burden of undue stress.

Representatives from a host of companies have descended upon Columbia.

They'll sit at makeshift booths as hundreds of 20-somethings clad in mismatching suits, play musical chairs and try their best to recall the interview-by-numbers techniques that will, at best, make the interviewer less likely to plop their resume in the reject pile.

You guessed it: It's the career fair.

And I'm diving right in, folks. I avoided it as long as I could, but with graduation looming like a monumental middle finger jutting up over the horizon, I find that I need these people more than they need me.

However, I can't help but feel a tad ridiculous.

Since the announcement of the fair, I've been repeatedly reminded of standard interview conduct. Say this, don't say that, don't do this, wear that. Ask this, but never say that. Speak exactly 40 percent of the time, and



GEORGE STEVENS
Fourth-year visual communications student

each breath should last eight seconds (four on the inhale, four on the exhale.)

It's like a crash course in corporate etiquette that's more complicated than a proper golf swing.

I say forget all that.

Why can't we just be ourselves? Of course, in a situation like a job interview, you have to put your best foot forward. But that's common sense. If you show up wearing sandals and a Busted Tee, you probably don't deserve the gig anyway.

But it's ridiculous to have to put on this facade of professionalism when we've spent the last four years of our lives doing the stupid things college kids do.

Your interviewer went to college, too.

They know you're not a seasoned corporate veteran, no matter how many multi-syllabic words you use.

Admittedly, it has to be a difficult process for a company rep to see dozens of faces in a day, and then

have to pull from the pack the few that they feel were superior.

But if everyone is adhering to these rigid standards, it seems the interviewer would more easily remember the guy or girl who may have been a little more relaxed or personable.

Of course, certain aspects cannot be compromised. For instance, I spent my entire Tuesday evening designing my portfolio, and I'll spend my entire Wednesday fine-tuning that portfolio.

After that, I have to have it printed and bound, and then present it in a nice leather case which I've yet to buy.

But I realize that the portfolio is a large part of what these folks will remember, especially for graphics jobs. I only wish I'd realized it sooner, so that I wasn't scrambling around the day before the fair. Let that be a lesson to you youngsters out there.

Anyway, I'm trying my best not to sweat the interviews. And you all shouldn't sweat them either. Just be yourself and don't say anything common sense would deem unacceptable. And for God's sakes, wear a double Windsor knot on your tie or you're screwed.

Greek life about more than parties, shallowness

Stereotypes don't leave room to learn about Greek community service

I feel like these past Student Government elections quickly became "Greeks versus the world." Some people saw it as Greeks trying to get a foothold in Student

Government and non-Greeks trying to keep them out. Then the other side saw it as Greeks voting blindly, without considering anything but the Greek affiliation of the candidates.

Greeks were accused of cheating and acting superior. Non-Greeks were accused of being jealous about not being Greek and mad that Greeks mobilized when the rest of the school didn't.

All I could think was "Great, more bad publicity for Greeks." I'm Greek, and personally, I get sick and tired of the bad rep.

It doesn't matter that Greeks have a higher GPA than the university average. It doesn't matter that in the past month alone, Greeks have raised money for the Ronald McDonald House, helped the Girl Scouts, hosted a blood drive and bone marrow registry drive and raised money for a scholarship to remember a deceased brother.

It doesn't matter that we are active and are executive members in Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Homecoming Commission, Dance Marathon, the Carolina/Clemson Blood Drive, Carolina Productions and Student Government.

No matter how much we do, the bad always overshadows the good. We're all drunks, sluts, and idiots. Mommy and Daddy pay for our polo shirts, nice cars and pearls. Because of the letters on our T-shirts, we obviously must think we're better than everyone else.

Some of that reputation has been brought upon ourselves. Some Greeks do act superior and are huge partiers. Some Greeks do play the field, a lot. But some other non-Greek students at USC are doing the exact same things we do.

It lies on our shoulders to change that stereotype. Greeks, keep that in mind when you're sitting in class, telling your friend about your weekend. Even if you don't have letters on that day, you probably have at least recently. People remember.

You'll become "that annoying, hung over Beta." One more mark goes under the "drunk" category of stereotypes. Thanks. In the past few years we've done plenty to get a bad reputation, and we don't need your help to solidify that.

If you're not Greek, do us a favor and don't write us off completely. Most of us aren't continually drunk or hung over. Many of us really do have intelligent things to say, and some of us completely support ourselves through only scholarships and jobs.

But wait... what am I saying? I'm late for my manicure appointment. Jeeves, bring around the car.



MEREDITH HARVIE
Third-year broadcast journalism student

Clubs promote Spring Break safety

University events encourage practicing good judgment

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Spring Break is just around the corner and USC Alcohol and Drug Programs, along with Gamecocks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs, are getting students ready for it March 1 through 7.

Safe Spring Break Week is aimed at encouraging students to use good judgment and to have fun during their breaks.

The festivities will begin with Hollywood Heart Throb and Bring Your Own Band in the Russell House ballroom March 1 and end with the Safe Spring Break Carnival on Greene Street Wednesday, March 7.

Aaron Olson, program adviser for USC Alcohol and Drug Programs, said the idea behind Safe Spring Break is to educate students.

“It is award-winning throughout the country,” Olson said. “It brings attention on how to be safe during the week and we hold several events to bring students out to enjoy them. We pass out information on safe drinking and staying hydrated. We hold these events ... to give students



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Alcohol and drug programs encourage students to stay hydrated and safe while vacationing during spring break, especially if alcohol is involved.

something other to do than to drink the week before spring break.”

Cpl. Kenneth Adams, USC Crime Prevention officer, said spring break is about taking a break and being aware of what is

around you.

“Students should use common sense and be aware of who you are hanging out with,” Adams said. “It is important to know who they are and don’t leave the location your at unless you

let someone know. Spring break is about having fun, but being smart and safe about it.”

Adams said some traveling tips are to make a plan by thinking ahead about where you’re going and

whom you’re staying with. Once you arrive at your destination, it’s important to contact someone to let them know you are OK. Adams said either driving or taking a plane has to be done safely.

“When taking a trip and you’re driving, you need to make sure the car is safe,” Adams said. “You should have a credit card to get gas and emergency money. Another important thing is

BREAK ● 6



General rules of gym should be practiced

Being courteous to others important while working out

Karen Shidler
McClatchy Newspapers

It’s early in the year and the gyms are packed. And that means it’s time for a reminder about etiquette.

This advice comes from wellness director P.J. Barrett and fitness director Gerry Murphy of the Greater Wichita (Kan.) YMCA, and from group fitness director Angie Kendall and mind-body director Kelli Harsh of Genesis Health Clubs in Wichita.

MANNERS IN GENERAL

1. Unsure how to use the treadmill or weight machine? Ask.

2. Attending a class for the first time? Let the instructor know. Tell him or her about any pre-existing injuries or other health problems. Don’t touch any controls in the classroom or studio.

3. If you must arrive late to a class or leave early, do so as quietly as possible. This is especially important for yoga.

4. Some facilities have indoor tracks that overlook a gym. Using the track as a viewing station slows everyone down.

5. Return magazines to the place you found them

KEEPING THINGS NEAT

1. Throw away tissues. Yes, they do fall out of pockets accidentally, so make sure yours are still there when you move to another piece of equipment.

2. “Wipe down equipment” means wiping the parts you touched with your hands (you don’t want to spread—or pick up—viruses) and the parts you got sweaty.

3. Plant containers aren’t trash cans.

4. If it’s not obvious, ask where to deposit used towels. Don’t leave them on the floor or locker room bench, and don’t take them home with you.

5. If you spill it, wipe it up. If it’s empty, throw it away.

HOLD IT DOWN

1. We don’t mind if you’re using the treadmill or elliptical trainer and talking on your cell phone. But we don’t want to overhear every detail. And turn off your phone before a class.

2. Don’t lounge on the weight equipment while taking a phone call. If you’re not using the equipment for strength training, move.

GYM ● 6

Get caught up on Grey’s Anatomy

In case you missed it: intense, three-part episode filled with drama, romance, characters caught in limbo

Rita Koch
ASSISTANT VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

Unless you’ve been living under a rock for the last few Thursday nights, you probably haven’t missed a minute of the intense three-part episode of “Grey’s Anatomy.” But in case you have, the Daily Gamecock is here to recap all the insanity that went on.

Cristina still hasn’t told anyone about her engagement to Burke, and Burke lets the cat out of the bag to Derek and Mark before she can tell Meredith, whom she calls “her person.”

But Meredith is having her own issues, dealing with depression after her mother’s harsh remarks during her few hours of lucidity. Derek finds her nearly drowning herself in her bathtub one morning, and jerks her out, despite her telling him that he’s not her “knight in shining ... whatever.”

Skip ahead about four hours, and the interns are running triage drills, until the Chief comes in and declares a state of emergency: the ferry has crashed into the dock and the area is a complete fiery mess of carnage.

Each intern has his or her own major story attached to the ferry crash, but the biggest story happens when Meredith herself is accidentally pushed into the icy water – and doesn’t fight to stay afloat.

Overcome by feelings of incompetence, she figures the struggle isn’t worth it, and slowly sinks underwater, only to be left there for the entire next episode.

Finally, a little girl who’s been following Meredith



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Izzie’s fiance Denny, trapped in limbo, got a visit from Meredith in Thursday’s Grey’s.

around the scene drags Derek to the edge of the water; he puts two and two together and dives in after her. He pulls her out of the water, and we see a blue Meredith who’s barely breathing, if at all.

She gets rushed to hospital, where everyone is terrified and pacing

to hear news about her health. The last thing we see in the second episode of the three-episode series is Meredith. She’s standing in the hospital, apparently alive, until we see whom else is there with her – the first patient she ever lost, the Bomb Squad guy who was blown up last season, and

Denny Duquette.

The entire third episode goes back and forth between the terrified employees of Seattle Grace and Meredith’s time in limbo. The resident doctors are doing everything they can to keep Meredith from dying, the

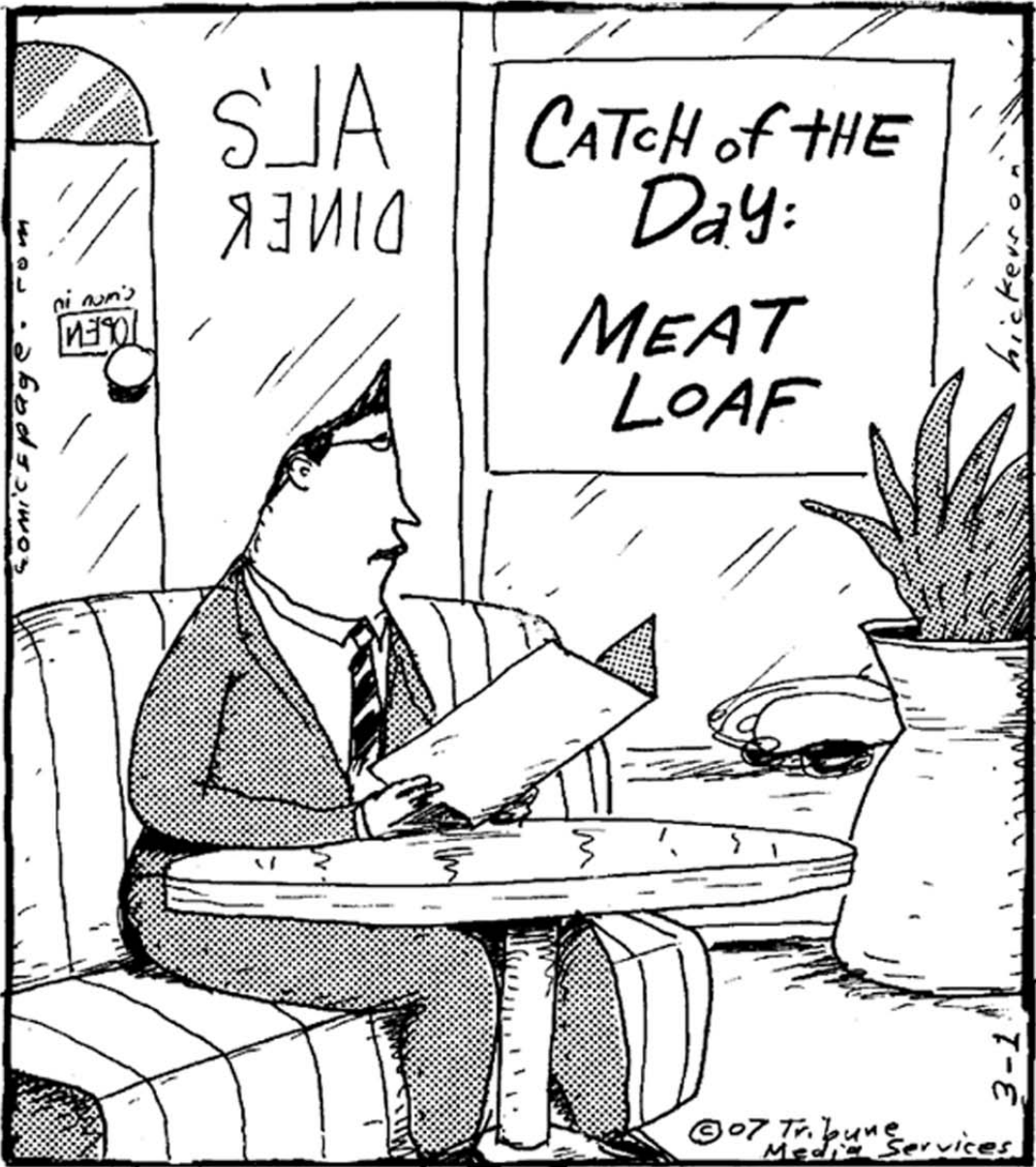
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PIC OF THE DAY



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A Carolina equestrian poses with people entering the Colonial Center Wednesday.

Quigmans ♦ By Buddy Hickerson



Restaurant-choice remorse takes root in Bob.

A College Girl Named Joe ♦ By Aaron Warner



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By Michael Mephram

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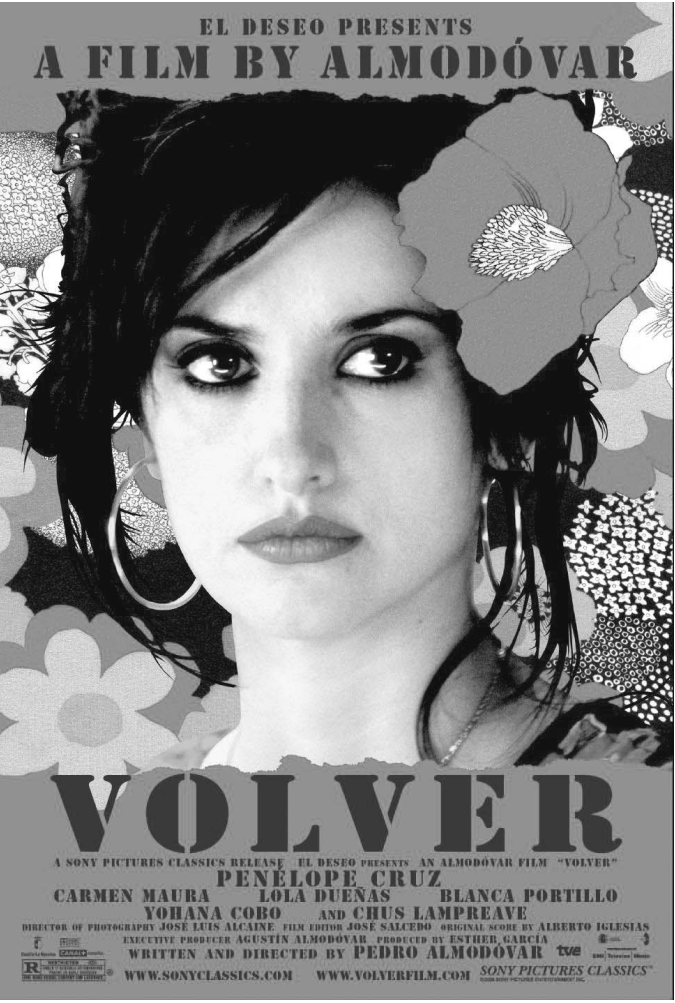
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Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solutions to Wednesday's Sudoku

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- 23 Top limit
- 24 Declare
- 25 Lowly mil. rank
- 28 Kind of carpet or herring
- 30 Highest mountain
- 35 Cowardly Lion player
- 37 Fish story
- 39 Mathematical relationship
- 40 Part 2 of quote
- 44 Vexation
- 45 Haggard novel
- 46 Wise person
- 47 Like a zebra
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- 52 Homer's neighbor
- 53 Citrus quenchers
- 55 Legal thing
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Solutions from Wednesday

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Senior guard Tré Kelley leaves behind a Gamecock career that includes two NIT titles and victories over the SEC's elite.

Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Seniors leave on sour note

Wallace, Kelley rewrite record books, falter in overtime finale vs. Vanderbilt

Chris Cox
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Tre' Kelley walked off the floor to what could have been this season's loudest cheer after a home loss. Chants of the star player's name and "MVP" rang throughout the Colonial Center. Just like he has done in every single game this year for the Gamecocks, Kelley, who became the 3rd player in Carolina history to record 1500+ points and 500+ assists for his career, wowed audiences with drives to the basket and in-your-face three pointers. However, the broken record remained the same as his 32-point effort wasn't enough for the Gamecocks to beat No. 19 Vanderbilt (20-9, 10-5).

While Carolina (14-14, 4-11) had their chances against Vanderbilt, the shooting of Shan Foster and SEC Player of the Year Candidate Derrick Byars were too much for the Gamecocks to overcome. Foster scored a career-high 33 points, while Byars chipped in 18, eight of which came in overtime. Carolina had a chance to win the game in the closing seconds as Brandis Raley-Ross' shot couldn't beat the buzzer from just beyond the 3-point line. "There was no question that they were going to try their very best to take the ball out of Tre' [Kelley]'s hands; they did. We got the ball to an open Brandis Raley on the back side and he just lost track of time and took the dribble, and the shot obviously was

after the buzzer," Odom said.

"I would have liked to have seen [Brandis Raley-Ross] take the clean opening that he had, because he did have it open in the first place, and that would have counted if it had gone. But that's spilt milk, and nothing you can do about it right now."

The game instead headed to overtime knotted at 81, where the Commodores quickly took over. Vanderbilt knocked down two three-pointers, then took advantage of the Gamecock center Brandon Wallace's absence with two buckets underneath to go ahead 89-82. That proved to be the blow for the Gamecocks, as they would eventually fall 99-90.

The turning point of the game took place with 6:30 left to go when Wallace, who moved into first place on the all time list for games played with 133, was called for his fifth foul of the game going up for a defensive rebound. The Commodores were able to get inside buckets for the remainder of the game, but the offensive play of Kelley and Dominique Archie (21 points) wasn't enough.

"It's disappointing as heck because we put a lot into this game, as did Vanderbilt, and the game meant a lot to each for different reasons. I'm disappointed for Tre', and Brandon, and Bryce, and our team, and our fans," Odom said.

A shooting clinic by

RECAP ● 9

Women hope to rest before tourney

Change in travel plans should allow ladies' hoops to arrive in Georgia early

Savi Smith
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The women's basketball team's path to the SEC Tournament is eerily similar to last year.

Carolina defeated Auburn during the regular season last year, but choked in the first round of the SEC Tournament to the Tigers, 64-48.

This year, the Gamecocks have already defeated the Tigers at home and again are preparing to face them in the first round of the tournament. This year, however, coach Susan Walvius is getting her team ready in different ways and is looking to put last year's loss behind them.

Instead of arriving the night before the game, Carolina is looking to head to the tournament in Duluth, Ga., early to relax and prepare.

"It's like déjà vu," Walvius said. "We let the pressure of the Auburn game get to us last year. This year we are preparing differently by going to Georgia early to practice, shop, and spend the day together before the game."

After spending a relaxed day on Wednesday, Carolina (16-13, 6-8 SEC) will be ready to take the court on Thursday against Auburn (19-11, 6-8 SEC) at 1 p.m.

"We have high morale



Senior forward Melanie Johnson will try to avenge last year's season-ending loss to AU.

Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Outdated combine tests often fail to predict success in NFL

Football record books, hall of fame filled with combine underachievers

Last week I wrote a satirical piece about the Wonderlic test that I'm sure you've blocked from your memory by now. Now that the NFL Scouting Combine has come and gone, it's time to address the process as a whole.

For those of you who weren't subjected to the NFL Network's horrendous coverage, be thankful. I honestly don't care what kind of pancakes are Calvin Johnson's favorite, so please don't talk about it during his vertical leap and then not even mention his results.

The combine is essentially a large NFL audition, but instead of running routes against defenders or returning kickoffs against the coverage team, players participate in mostly individual drills. Imagine auditioning for a choir and being asked to sing an Aerosmith song, and you've got a pretty good idea of what the combine is like.

Besides the Wonderlic test, the most famous — or infamous — drill is the 40-yard dash. Legendary head coach Paul Brown is credited with first recording 40 times because he believed it was the distance you had to run to cover a kickoff. I doubt Brown envisioned what his innovation has become.



KYLE DAWSON
Third-year print journalism student

Football is a game of quick bursts of speed, sure — but 40 times is more over-rated than Notre Dame, the Yankees and Duke basketball combined.

Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith both ran in the 4.6-4.7 range, which are considered mediocre times at best for their positions. Rice and Smith are arguably the two greatest players at their respective positions in NFL history and their stats should show pro scouts where they can stick their stopwatches.

Rich Eisen of the NFL Network actually went out and tried the 40 and ran it in a brisk 6.4 seconds. I have a newfound respect of Eisen for trying it. Sports journalists will rip on a player for running what they deem a slow time when they've never actually attempted the same test. Generally, the only players who run it in 5 seconds or more are linemen. I don't think I can even drive 40 yards in 5 seconds without getting winded.

I'd love to see NFL Draft expert Mel Kiper Jr. out there running the 40 and all the other drills. I imagine he'd do pretty well. His slicked-back hair

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WOMEN ● 9

DAWSON ● Continued from 8

helmet would have roughly the same effect as those aerodynamic storage pieces you put on top of your minivan when you go on vacation and would likely aid his times tremendously.

I've already talked about the worthlessness of the Wonderlic, and my point has been proven even further this week. Chris Leak, quarterback of the national champion Florida Gators, reportedly scored 8 out of 50. Leak, who is widely acknowledged as throwing the most catchable ball of all the prospects, obviously doesn't have what it takes to be an NFL quarterback because of a silly test. Give me a break.

According to the Wonderlic, Leak and Vince

Young shouldn't even tie their shoes without some sort of supervision. Yet according to on-field performance, Young and Leak are the last two quarterbacks to win a BCS championship.

(Note to Coach Spurrier: Go on recruiting visits to trailer parks full of doublewides with NASCAR drivers' numbers painted on the sides. There's tons of untapped potential there.)

To be fair to the scouts, the combine does feature a lot of very important drills, although some players don't really need to participate in all of them. The vertical leap is great for wide receivers and defensive backs. Not so much for the quarterbacks and offensive linemen.

The agility drills are

great, too. Shuttle runs and cone drills are excellent indicators of a player's acceleration and agility. Not surprisingly, the times from these drills are rarely examined in the same light that the 40 is.

Our awesome intramural staff put together a football combine last fall. I participated in it and thoroughly embarrassed myself, and I couldn't have had more fun doing it. In a way, I knew exactly what the players were going through during the week.

Now that all the times are in and this year's combine is over, it's time to crank up the Aerosmith and start training for next year.

WOMEN ● Continued from 8

going into this game," sophomore guard Brionna Dickerson said. "We just had senior night and an overtime win, so spirits are high."

The Gamecocks defeated Mississippi State 72-66 with a huge victory to end their regular season. Senior guard Stacy Booker stepped up by scoring 18 points, pulling down six rebounds and dishing out three assists to lead in the overtime win over the Bulldogs.

"Stacy has been a real treat lately," Walvius said. "She's fun to watch and fun to coach, and she has helped win some big games for us."

Guarding Auburn's

penetrating offense is something that the Gamecocks have been working on lately in preparation for Auburn. They got some practice against a similar offense in beating Miss. State last Sunday.

"We are so even with Auburn," Walvius said. "It's going to come down to a gut check — to who will be fearless."

The winner of the Carolina and Auburn game will face off against No. 2 Tennessee at 1 p.m. Friday.

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RECAP ● Continued from 8

Vanderbilt in the first half looked as if it would turn out to be a long night for Carolina, as the Commodores made 11 of 16 threes in the opening period. Vanderbilt widened their lead as they went on a 24-10 run to close out the half to put them ahead 47-35 at the break. However, seven 3-pointers by Carolina in the first half, along with Vanderbilt's cold shooting, allowed the Gamecocks to claw from seventeen down to go ahead 81-79 by two Kelley free throws with under a minute remaining.

"If he is not Player of the Year in this conference, shame on the people that vote... and I don't care who

hears me say it," Odom said. "He is Player of the Year in this league. Period. No conversation."

"I don't really think too much about it. I just play the game," Kelley said on possibly being named Player of the Year. "It would be great to go out as SEC Player of the Year if that happens, but we have one regular season game left and that is what I'm focused on right now."

For Kelley's hopes, the Gamecocks would most likely need to win their final regular season game, which comes this Saturday at LSU. A victory would guarantee the Gamecocks a winning record.

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2. Alpha Phi Alpha 3.21
3. Kappa Alpha Order 3.131
4. Chi Psi 3.13
5. Sigma Phi Epsilon 3.116
6. Phi Sigma Kappa 3.109

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